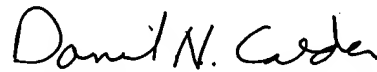


REMARKS

Claim 22 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants' regard as the invention and to put the claims in better condition for appeal by reciting that a negative electrode comprises an active substance that occludes and releases lithium ions. Support for this amendment is found on page 2, lines 4-6. It is submitted that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. It is submitted that this amendment does not introduce any new questions of patentability. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



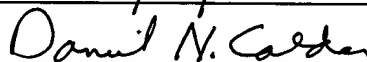
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 22. (Twice Amended) A non-aqueous lithium ion secondary battery
2 comprising:
3 a positive electrode comprising a lithium transition metal compound oxide;
4 a negative electrode comprising an active substance that occludes and
5 releases lithium ions;
6 a microporous polymer film separator between the positive electrode and
7 the negative electrode; and
8 a nonaqueous electrolyte solution dissolving a lithium salt;
9 wherein:
10 the negative electrode comprises ceramic particles not relating to the charge
11 and discharge reaction of the battery;
12 the content of the ceramic particles is 0.01 to 10 parts by weight in 100
13 parts by weight of the active substance in the negative electrode; and
14 the particle size of the ceramic particles is 10 microns or less.